Rome Nov 12. 1864

My dear Maria

I have delight to enclose you a 5£ note n.° 12 & the Rev. 12 h. Tom pardon me that I have been prevented sending it before owing to a mistake of the Banker for who had credited me for thirty pounds more than my due & the result of occupation I had deemed his account as correct & placed it upon myself in such good balance I proposed to send you more when the Banker cut me off with a new & correct account - no doubt I should have found it out in the

Dear Sir — Mr Carracci is not
sold owing to Mr Poole's letter being
so long delayed. But when I wrote
Lacchelini his offer he had laid out
his money elsewhere, unluckily for
but I have other persons after it
even the Pope may wish it for the
Vatican so I am sure I am a good
sale for the picture is a real one

I was much gratified with your
short visit, letter & with all the
news of the dear ones — do write
me and often & send it to P. O. for
I delight to live on the past &
here I am writing this scrawl
in the midst of two dissertations
to Lord Russell. 6 official letters

& 3 private ones, all to be done to-day
but you see I am early riser & get some
two hours before breakfast, stronger
as I am, more than at any period
of my life - I hope you have had as
better weather there as we have for such
a vintage I never saw rain! rain!
Eleanor is brilliant, stout blooming
& gay. She has the two Miss Winters
on a visit, over us - I cannot tell you
how pleased I am with her fine
talents & discrimination - most sure
her dear mother indeed gave her a
splendid education - she does me
great credit & is called the "Consulina"
being universally admired
In haste your loving bro Tom Joe

P.S. Soon I must write all to send
you more like, when my Cows be

"And panting time toils after him in vain" was said of Ld Palmerston & would be said of me if people knew my age - what a joke!!!

Now when you write to you always do so Sherwin's, tell me all your news particularly about my dear Emma & send your letter to my Walter under cover to him

there a spec of mine X my Mary dale picture (just come) I propose to have a beautifull drawing of in chalk by a Roman artist about 20 inches by 15 - then a Photograph same size & sell it as an engraving, with dedication to Cardinal Antonelli, & his arms in the old way - this in Rome will be quite new, the expense but trifling & the profits may be great - if I succeed then I'll do my other pictures by degrees X

What a yarn I've spun for you, you'll wear out your old arm-chair in reading it, Emma won't get a word out of you for weeks - God bless her & my love to her & to you all

Your loving brother Joe

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to Sodeus a brother another half sheet
of that – When shall we meet again in
London? I cannot imagine, except if the
position of Rome were changed then no
doubt my position would also be changed
but I don't know how – yet I reckon that
if Mr Wm Gladstone may be prime minister
after Lord P. I think that would seem me some=
thing, but I hear that I should not be
entitled to a pension as my appointment
was without examination – but no doubt
as I was chosen for my adaptability for
Rome dear I flatter myself I have
really come up to the mark; so I may
chance to get a returning pension &
then you'll see me – when will they be!
who can tell me end of the Roman question
what may be plotting! Of course I am
glad I have seen old Rome as I could

remember it & perhaps I am due a favorable
on that account for Cardinal Antonelli delights
in talking with me of the "Palmy days"
3 1/2 years have passed since we met
& I think you are not disappointed with
me, for I think my letters could not
be great & excellent in a thing of which
I know nothing & which was so difficult
in itself & how I have excelled in some
a complete mystery, for I bring nothing
to the hard task but my good spirits. - Yet no
doubt I am a fascinating old age "& then
feet" up to the Pope with whom I am a favorite
- then the King of Italy & his government show
me charming attention - the fact is I have been
so fortunate that I almost fear to think
of it - talent I have none to inspire me
such favour - true I speak Italian but
not with elegance nor have I French
but I have an ardour in going about
things which pleases & I am always

e in gay spirits & ready to aid all sufferers
th at all times & do! - In this way they
tell me that I have made a consulate
such as was never seen before, for as
here there is no commerce 'twas my
object to find something to put me in
place & this has been my devotion to
the cause of humanity - natural to me
like what I do without effort so that
this your having me Italian Consulate
added to the British is a singular bit
of good fortune & makes me a real
mediator twixt Rome & Turin
I have continued all the same life
at 6 & 7 I go out & buy my fruit with
a sporting basket slung over my shoulder
indeed I keep all the dear old customs
of my simple life, rarely go in carriages
but Eleanor of course has led me into
something more expensive but not much
yet no sign of age has overtaken me